



# STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #4 SUMMARY

April 21, 2016 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Hiram Morgan Hill Room, Community and Cultural Center

## Introduction

Thirteen members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) for Morgan Hill's Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) attended the group's meeting on April 21, 2016. Also in attendance were City staff members, including Chris Ghione, Debbie Vasquez, and Jennie Tucker, as well as two members of the consulting team, Ellie Fiore and Molly Cooney-Mesker. This was the fourth in a series of SAG meetings that have taken place throughout the Master planning process.

The meeting began with a welcome and presentation by the consulting team that included an update of the planning process and preliminary results of the online community survey. Most of the meeting was dedicated to small group discussions in which SAG members prioritized project ideas for connections, parks, and recreation facilities. This was the last SAG meeting before the project team begins drafting the Master Plan. The SAG will review the Draft Master Plan in late summer/early fall 2016.

## Presentation Summary

Approximately 1,100 community members responded to the online survey. Survey responses echoed many of the preferences and desires expressed by the SAG and community members throughout the planning process, including: more varied play experiences in parks, investments in open space, natural undeveloped park areas and greenbelts, and more shade and bathrooms in parks, among other findings. A complete summary and analysis of survey results will be available in early May.

The presentation also included images of out-of-the box concepts to prompt the SAG to discuss creative and big ideas. The project team encouraged meeting attendees to bring to the table any ideas that had not been included in the planning process to date. Meeting participants were invited to write their "big ideas" on note cards so that they could be incorporated into the small group prioritization activity during the second part of the meeting.

## Small Group Activity: Plan Priorities

Following the presentation, the meeting participants split into two small groups and were asked to prioritize strategies and projects for improving conditions across the three focus areas of the Master Plan: 1) bikeways, trails and pedestrian connections, 2) parks, and 3) recreation facilities. The groups were given sets of cards with strategies and projects printed on them and were invited to write other ideas on blank cards. They were also given an activity board with a grid of the Master Plan focus areas and three priority levels: high priority, lower priority, and not a priority. The groups discussed and reached agreement on the priority level for each strategy/project. The groups also prioritized their “big ideas.” Below is a list of strategies and projects that *both* small groups agreed are high priority or lower priority. See the attachment for the complete results of the small group exercise.

FOCUS AREA	HIGH PRIORITIES	LOWER PRIORITIES
<b>CONNECTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe Routes to School</li> <li>• Connections to Downtown</li> <li>• East-West Connections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silveira to Downtown</li> </ul>
<b>PARKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add shade to parks</li> <li>• Add restrooms to parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest in Paradise Park as a Community Park</li> <li>• Add parklets and improve mini and pocket parks</li> <li>• Add additional parks in park deficient areas</li> </ul>
<b>RECREATION FACILITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional baseball and softball fields</li> <li>• Enhanced historic facilities at Villa Mira Monte</li> <li>• Expand the CRC</li> <li>• Construct gymnasiums for indoor sports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New bike skills course/park</li> <li>• Additional outdoor pool /aquatic facilities</li> </ul>



## BIKEWAYS, TRAILS, PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

### MEETING PARTICIPANTS' "BIG IDEAS" THAT WERE NOT PRIORITIZED BY THE SMALL GROUPS

#### CONNECTIONS

- Reduce traffic lanes through downtown and add bike lane
- Add trail Downtown that connects with Coyote Creek Trail
- Creative and safe bike lane to Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve
- Add a trail that comes Downtown to Coyote Creek Trail
- Safe Routes to School
- Llagas Creek Trail through to downtown; reclaimed water recirculated down Llagas Creek
- Creekside separated Class I paths
- Safe Routes to School
- Work with SCVWD to extend trails when they channelize Little Llagas Creek
- Work with SCVWD and County to convert the access road adjacent to Madrone Channel, south of Tennant and North of Cochrane, to a hiking trail
- Create safer streets in high traffic areas around schools
- Bike route connecting El Toro, Coyote Creek Trail, and Henry Coe State Park
- Bike loop from El Toro to Henry Coe to Harvey Bear
- Parking at end of Via Grande for hikers on El Toro
- Single track switchback trail on El Toro

#### PARKS

- Expand Villa Mira Monte and create working agriculture
- El Toro access – zipline!
- An inclusive history park that honors the history of our agricultural heritage and founding families. Identify additional land for hands-on demonstration areas for agriculture and life in early years – kids field trips.
- Gazebo/band stand in Downtown

#### RECREATION FACILITIES

- Bike tracks mix and pump on land dedicated to Hale extension

#### OTHER

- City Council accountability to implement community priorities
- An official BTAC group to report to City Council and accomplish Master Plan goals
- Off the Grid Night with concert venue
- Partner with the County
  - Share road improvements between City and County
  - Collaborative City-County programs at Coyote Valley

## IV. Next Steps

The next SAG meeting will be held in late summer/early fall 2016. In the next month, the Project Team will present the SAG's input to the PRC and City Council who will continue to define priorities. The project team will also engage Morgan Hill youth in the Master Planning process at the summer Youth Workshop. The SAG will review a Draft Master Plan in late summer/early fall 2016.